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ON Current Deposit Account at the rate  
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For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
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Credit granted on approved Securities,  
and every description of Banking and  
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Draft, granted on London, and the  
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Australia, America, China and Japan,

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At 3 months' notice 8% per Annum.  
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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
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REQUISITES, PATENT MEDIC-  
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Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness  
and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,  
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf,  
Hongkong, July 13, 1878.

## FOR SALE.

### EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES.  
RODGERS & SONS' Celebrated CUT-  
LERY.

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CASES.

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BRUSH-WARE of all Kinds.

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NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS, PRESEN-  
TATION BOOKS, &c.

FINE KENT HOPS.

MALT.

CARBONIC ACID.

CAUSTIC SODA.

CHLORIDE OF LIME.

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S  
CELEBRATED HOUSEHOLD  
STORES.

California SODA CRACKERS.

Family PIG PORK in kegs.

Compressed CORNED BEEF.

Compressed OX TONGUES.

Compressed HAM.

BARCELONA and  
PEA NUTS,

&c., &c., &c.

TEYSSONNEAU'S FRUITS, in BRANDY,  
NOYEAU, and JUICE.

French JAMS and JELLIES.

"O. K." BOURBON WHISKEY

(Bottled by L. A. & Co.)

Bass's ALE, in pints and qts., bottled  
by Cameron and Saunders.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, in pints and qts.,  
bottled by E. & J. Burke.

BARCLAY & PERKINS' PORTER, in Kilder-  
kins and Hhds.

CLARET, in Cask.

&c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, July 19, 1878.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

LAQ OF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs.  
Leaves).

CUT LOAF SUGAR.

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CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R.

(in diamond) A III.

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(in diamond) A II.

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GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and  
MOLASSES.

SPRITS OF WINE and LAMP SPIRIT.

RUM, 45°, 30°, O. P., and Naval.

ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.

AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bones.

BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants).

ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit  
Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to  
THE MANAGER,

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED,

East Point, Hongkong.

March 5, 1878.

FOR SALE.

COKE and TAR in Quantities to suit  
Purchasers, at CHEAP RATES.

Apply to

GAS COMPANY,

West Point,

Hongkong.

March 10, 1878.

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NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES J. HIRST has been  
authorized to sign our Firm per  
Procuration.

HESSE & CO.

Hongkong, July 23, 1878.

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NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.

EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our  
Firm in Hongkong and China, ceased on  
the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & CO.

China, March 8, 1878.

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NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.

ARTHUR CHART in our Firm  
ceased on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & CO.

Hongkong, June 15, 1878.

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NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the Undersigned  
have been temporarily REMOVED

to the Premises in DUDDELL STREET,

formerly occupied by Messrs NORTON & CO.

LANDSTEIN & CO.

Hongkong, July 15, 1878.

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## FOR SALE.

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LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S RIDING WHIPS.

CARBOLIC ACID, the best disinfectant.

PORCELAIN ICE PITCHERS.

KELLY'S DUNDEE MARMALADE.

FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.

VEYRON'S CAFETERIES.

BASS'S ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by Foster.

French JAMS.

Scotch OATMEAL.

FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.

VEGETABLE, FLOWER and LAWN-GRASS SEED.

TEA TASTER'S CUPS, POTS, SCALES and TIME GLASSES.

FOSTER'S Bottled ALE and STOUT.

French SUMMER SHOES.

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## Notices to Consignees.

DANISH STEAMER NORDEN,  
BOYSEN, Master, FROM HAMBURG  
AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Under-signed, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 5th August next will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless written notice to the contrary is given before To-morrow, the 30th Instant, at 10 a.m.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

W.M. PUSTAU & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 20, 1878. au5

## For Sale.

## NOW READY.

CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I. and II., A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN ETEL, Ph.D., Tübingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Hongkong and Shanghai; and MESSRS. KELLY & WALTER, Shanghai.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

## WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office:

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 华字日報 (Wah Tso Yat Po), ceased from the 1st August, 1878, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1878, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEON LEONG YICK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,

Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

## FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

The Steamship "STRATFLEVEN," Captain Pearson, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 1st Instant, at 10 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVIS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878. au3

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Stratfleven, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given before 2 p.m., on Thursday, 1st Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 10th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVIS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878. au4

TO LET.

A THREE-STORIED DWELLING  
A HOUSE, No. 113, Queen's Road  
East (Spring Gardens). Water laid on.  
Apply to D. NOWROOZEE,  
HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

## TO LET.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers.  
THE BUNGALOW, No. 24, Gage St  
Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,  
Hongkong, July 12, 1878.

## TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situated on Praya East.—  
HOUSE NO. 2, Praya East. The basement, together with First Floor, or separate if desired, with possession on the 1st July.

HOUSE NO. 3, Praya East. The whole House or in Flats, with possession on the 1st of August.

## As also,

The DWELLING House to the Eastward of Pier at Wanchai. May be had as an entire Dwelling or in Apartments of two or three Rooms to suit convenience, with immediate possession. Fine spacious Verandah looking on to Harbour.

## TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, MARINE LOT 65.

For particulars, apply to MEYER & CO., Hongkong, June 21, 1878.

## TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godowns attached.  
House No. 2, and 2, Seymour Terrace.  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ANNIE LOWRY, British barque, Captain B. Gale.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

KATE TATHAZ, British barque, Captain Fletcher.—Birley & Co.

JANE PIZAR, French bark, Captain Legrasse.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

ATRISE, British barque, Captain Alex. Findlay.—Captain.

MARY BRAKE, British barque, Captain James Riddle.—O. & O. S. S. Co.

LOTTIE MOORE, American barque, Capt. C. S. Hudson.—Arnold, Earberg & Co.

PONTIAC, British ship, Capt. G. B. Taylor.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

KJØSENTHAUS, Danish steamer, Capt. L. C. Grove.—Slemasson & Co.

RASABATTIANA, British str., Capt. G. T. Hopkins.—Yuen Fat Hoing.

BBETTE BIELOW, British ship, Captain Ferguson.—Meyer & Co.

COASTGUARD, British barque, Captain J. Jones.—Oliphant & Co.

HIGHWAY, British barque, Captain J. Mell.—Captain.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## THEATRE ROYAL,

**CITY HALL,**  
HONGKONG.

**THIS EVENING,**  
(THURSDAY), 1st AUGUST, 1878.

## POSITIVELY LAST NIGHT.

A GRAND COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT  
GIVEN BY  
DOCTOR SILVESTER  
AND  
PROFESSOR W. M. FAY,  
MISS DAISY SILVESTER.

By kind permission of Colonel JAGO, and Officers of the 7th Regiment, the Band will perform selections during each interval in the Entertainment.

## "PROFESSOR" ILOILO,

A local Amateur, will perform Three Celebrated Magic Illusions, viz.—

## "THE FLYING BIRD CAGE,"

## "THE DISSOLVING EGG,"

## "THE MELTING HANDKERCHIEF."

## THE BEAUTIFUL ENTRANCED LADY.

## "FAIRY FOUNTAIN."

"FACES, FEATURES AND FANCIES,"  
BY  
MISS DAISY SILVESTER,

who will appear in her Prototypical, Characteristic and Unique Delications of Men of the Time.

## BY DESIRE,

THE SHADOW SONG ("DINORAH"),

MADAME SILVESTER.

PROFESSOR W. M. FAY.

## SCIENCE NATURAL &amp; UNNATURAL.

## EXTRAMUNDANE SPIRITUAL.

PROF. FAY'S WORLD-RENOWND  
DARK SEANCE.

During the Seance the Musical Instrument will be Costed with Phosphorescence, so that the Audience may see the various movements that take place.

THE PANORAMA,  
THE VOYAGE OF THE "SERAPIIS."

SONG.  
"TELL ME MY HEART" MADAME SILVESTER.

PIANIST.....MR. PANIZZA.

Admission:.....ONE DOLLAR.

To all Parts, except

## BALCONY, TWO DOLLARS.

Tickets and Places for the Entertainment can be secured at MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.'S.

Doors Open at 8.15, Performance to

Commence at 9 sharp.

Conveyances may be ordered for 11.15.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878. au2

THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE  
BANK OF INDIA, LONDON  
AND CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

CAPITAL, .....£750,000  
RESERVE FUND, .....£151,560.10.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND,  
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK.

RATES OF Interest allowed on Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

Besides conducting general Exchange Business, the Bank discounts local bills, payable in Hongkong, and makes advances on approved Banking Securities.

Present Rate of Discount

for approved short sight

acceptances, .....6 % per annum.

Rate for Advances, according to terms required, may be ascertained on application.

H. H. NELSON,  
Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

July 31, Stratfleven, British steamer, 1588, Pearson, London June 15, via ports of call, and Singapore July 25, General.

July 31, Bellona, German steamer, 789, Ahrens, Saigon July 27, Salt and Rice.

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Aug. 1, Corriente, British barque, 508, J. Jones, Newcastle (N.S.W.) May 30, Coal.—O. & O. S. Co.

Aug. 1, Houltown, British barque, 296, C. Mead, Kurashiki June 6, Cotton.—CAPTAIN.

Aug. 1, Moneta, British barque, 621, C. H. Elizet, Newcastle (N.S.W.) June 11, Coal.—O. & O. S. Co.

Aug. 1, Conquest, British steamer, 317, Scott, Haiphong July 28, and Hoihow July 31, General.—KWONG LEE YUEN.

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Aug. 1, Conquest, British

the official assignee, and Mr Haylar, instructed by Mr Brereton, for the defendant.

The Band 74th Highlanders will perform the following programme at the Officer's Mess, to-morrow night, commencing at 9.15 p.m.—

Quadrille..... Herald..... Strauss.  
Overture..... Mirella..... Connell.  
Selection..... Scotch..... Cavallini.  
Valse..... Morganbatter..... Strauss.  
Sélection..... Trial by Jury..... Sullivan.  
Galop..... Il Corricolo..... D' de Grau.  
Mr J. BUCHANAN, Bandmaster.

THERE have been no less than 1,400 summonses issued for obstruction and nuisances this year, and the cry is still they come. The Magistrates have a great deal to do in hearing the complaints brought against persons charged with these offences, much to the hindrance of what might be termed the more criminal business of the Court. The obstructives and nuisances are filed in before the Magistrate in rows of five or six at a time, and their particular offence is then hurriedly related by the Inspector charging them. Fines of 10 cents and 25 cents are inflicted in most cases, the consequence being that some of the men's faces are as familiar in the Police Court as Mr May's. A wholesome fine of \$6 or \$10, or in some cases even larger amounts, would, we think, soon enable the Government to report a more satisfactory state of things in Queen's Road, Praya and China Town.

An act of honesty was brought to the notice of Mr Creagh, the sitting Magistrate, to-day. It appears that a licensed chair-coolie (No. 714) carried a drunken man to one of the Hotels in the Colony, and after the man had left, the coolie found a gold watch lying at the bottom of the chair. He immediately entered the hotel and handed the watch to the proprietor. Mr Creagh said he was very glad that the master had been brought to his notice; the coolie's behaviour was most commendable; he would note the fact on the man's license and would give him \$2 from his private purse as a token of approbation. He (Mr Creagh) was at a loss to know how he could afford the coolie any substantial reward otherwise. We think that this man ought at least to get a free license for life.

His Lordship the Acting Chief Justice Snowden delivered judgment to-day in the case of Nicholl v. Pustak, which was heard last week. The facts of the case are no doubt fresh in the minds of our readers. The plaintiff, who is or was the master of the British barque *Moss Glen*, sought to recover from the defendants' firm (Messrs Wm. Pustak & Co.) the sum of \$1000 for breach of contract, in that they did not carry out a charter which they entered into with the plaintiff. Plaintiff estimated the amount of damages roughly to cover demurrage, labour in removing ballast, brokerage, wages of new Captain, and his inability now to obtain freight there being nothing offering at present. The defendants denied liability on the grounds that the vessel was unable to carry the amount of cargo which it had been assured she could do, that she was not a good risk, and that in fact the Charter Party or memo. of Charter Party had never been signed.

His Lordship ruled that the vessel would not have been a good risk with the cargo she was intended to have carried, and gave judgment for the defendants, with costs.

The Attorney General, instructed by Messrs Sharp, Toller and Johnson, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr Haylar, instructed by Mr Brereton, for the defendants.

Hedges & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 27th July, 1878.—

Arrivals During the Week.—July 20, Menatian, from Amoy; 21, Douglas, from Hongkong; 22, James Wilson, from Noumea; 23, China, from Newchow; 24, Yesso, from Hongkong; 25, Rosebud, from Hongkong; 26, Eleanor, from Hongkong.

Departures During the Week.—July 20, Catherine Marden, for Adelaide; 23, Oceanis, for Dunedin; 23, Europe, for Shanghai; 24, Douglas, for Hongkong; 24, Countess of Errol, for Dunedin.

Shipping in Port.—Agnes Muir, Prinz Friedrich Ost, Sea Gull, Alice Mary, Oscar Mooyer, June, Wandering Minstrel, Rosette McNeil, Menatian, James Wilson, China, Yesso, Rosebud, Eleanor.

The following items are from the *Singapore Daily Times*:

The British barque *Brisbane*, Captain Hudleston, which arrived here this morning (July 23rd) from Hongkong, reports that, on the 13th instant, he passed through several boxes of Tea which turned out to be a portion of the cargo jettisoned by the S. S. *Glamis Castle* on the 30th ultmo. A boat was lowered, and successfully picked up three boxes, all labelled "per *Glamis Castle*".

Miss Eliza May's troupe gave a successful performance, of "The Daughter of the Regiment" before H. E. the Governor, Lady Robinson and a crowded house, for the benefit of Miss May, on Saturday evening (July 20th) in the Town Hall. They will leave for Hongkong in a few days.

The Hon. A. N. Burch, it appears, has resigned his appointment of Colonial Secretary and Lieutenant-Governor of Ceylon for that of Manager of the West End Branch of the

Bank of England in Burlington Gardens, London. The salary of the latter post is said to be about £2,000 a year, but it is not secure, for it will be remembered that it was at this Branch, then under the management of Col. Franks, that Bidwell and other American swindlers contrived to pass forged notes to a very large amount several years ago.

As announced on Saturday, our present Colonial Secretary, the Hon. John Douglas, o.m.g., formerly Auditor-General of Ceylon, is Mr Birrell's successor. It is promotion to the Honorable gentleman, who will, no doubt, be glad to return to his first love, the "Spicy Isle," where he spent nearly all his official life, and we congratulate him accordingly, but it is with a wry face. Mr Douglas has been here just long enough to get the reins properly in hand, and he is now removed when his services are most efficient. It looks as if Colonies were made for Officials and not Officials for Colonies, and it is to be sincerely hoped that his successor here will be no outsider from Ceylon or elsewhere, but will be selected from the members of our own local service. There are plenty to choose from, of lengthened local experience, of proved capacity, and with undeniable claims to promotion.

There is no truth in the report current in the Square, that Mr Swettenham is to succeed to the Colonial Secretariate, vice the Hon'ble J. Douglas promoted, as it is said, he is at present undergoing an extended course of "the polite letter-writer" with a view to passing a successful examination before Michaelman. We may add that the Hon'ble the Treasurer has not yet made preparations to occupy the premises at present tenanted by the Colonial Secretary. It is said, indeed, that considerable speculation exists in Official circles as to the successor to the Hon'ble Mr Douglas, and that heavy bets have been made on the subject, but notwithstanding two or three favorites, the odds are in favor of a rank outsider. A friend informs us that the latest quotations are—

8 to 2 on..... T. B. [raddell?]

2 to 3 ....., C. J. [rvling]

5 to 1 ....., H. T. [rotter]

7 to 4 ....., F. A. S. [wittenham]

10 to 1 ....., The Field.

The distinguished author of the "Razor and Snook" is not a candidate for the office.

Seriously, it is said that should one of the present Officials be promoted to the post, the Hon'ble C. J. Irving stands the best chance, and a better selection could not be made in every respect. Should another be appointed, rumour has it that the Hon'ble Cecil Smith, Acting Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, will receive the post, and he has one merit in his knowledge of Chinese, which he studied as a Cadet.

A curious and very pleasant incident is mentioned by the London correspondent of the *Times of India* in connection with the celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday in Montreal. In the review of the Canadian Volunteers and British Regulars which took place on the occasion, a battalion of United States Militia took part in it at their own earnest request. They asked permission to form into line with the British troops for the purpose of joining the *feu de joie* fired in honour of Her Majesty, and in the other manoeuvres of the day."

Some little excitement appears to have been caused in Rangoon on account of the issue of a circular order by the chief Commissioner of British Burma, Mr Atchison, from which the following is an extract:—"The Chief Commissioner regrets to see from the evidence in the case, that both Mr \* and Mr \* have long formed degrading and immoral connections with the women of the country. With regard to the moral aspect of the matter, the Chief Commissioner has nothing to say that is not better said by each man's conscience, to which the Chief Commissioner is content to leave it. But the master has a public aspect, and the Chief Commissioner feels it his duty to say that the formation of relations of the kind referred to by officers of Government, is dishonourable to the officers who enter into them detrimental to their usefulness and efficiency as public servants, and lays them open to influences, or the imputation of influences, which not infrequently interfere with the administration of justice. In future the Chief Commissioner will not fail to visit, with substantial and severe marks of displeasure, any case of the kind which may come officially before him."

A similar order with reference to the "daughters of Heth" was published by a former Chief Commissioner, General Fytche, and was received as an undue interference with their private lives by those officials who kept "improprieties," while it was considered an insult by those who did not offend, so far as I recollect, a copy of the circular.

It seems, moreover, to have had no effect, and it is to be feared that it is hopeless for straitlaced Chief Commissioners to expect that because they are virgins there shall be no more cakies or ale in the land and that ginger shall no longer be hot in the mouth. Straitlaced folks apparently cannot understand that people cannot be made moral by acts of Parliament or circular orders, and that there are certain things which, like sleeping dogs, had best be left alone.

**CHINESE NOTES.**

In speaking of Kharan slaves Vambery says: "The slave is styled *Dogma*, and his offspring *Khanedan* (house-born). The blemish of the captivity to which he has been subjected is only effaced in the third generation." The descendants of slaves and other tabooed classes in China are not permitted to compete at the public examinations unless three clear male ancestors intervene between themselves and their tainted ancestor. The above facts, coupled with the judo "visit the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me," are interesting testimony to a custom which is evidently very ancient all over Asia.

Vambery also observes "the Khan [of Khokland] at his coronation is raised in the air upon a white felt." It is well known that a white felt cap is much worn by the Chinese Mahomedans of the north. The Mahomedans of Kashgar are distinguished into the *Uighur* or "turbaned," and the *White* or "white" Mussulmans. Are the "white," then, the Drangens or Missons of

Chinese extraction; and the "turbaned" the indigenous and ancient Asiatic population, which Vambery asserts extend under the various names of *Osage*, *Sart*, *Tadjik*, etc. from Khiya as far as Kamul (half-way between Kashgar and Peking)?

Chinese scholars will be surprised to learn from Vambery that the Chinese have a proverb—

Be-di-dui yi-kha-le

Di-di-shi-kha-le.

The meaning is "If you say 'I don't know, you have done'; if you say 'I do,' you must say ten times more to explain what it is." Stripped of its Tartar plumage and reduced to character, the proverb evidently is 不知道一個來知道十個來

Further on the same author says: "To mention another singular usage. Sometimes two, sometimes four days after the nuptials the newly-married couple are separated, and the permanent union does not begin until after the expiration of an entire year."

In the Canton Province (and possibly elsewhere in China) a somewhat similar custom exists. The day after the marriage the bride returns to her parents, coming back, however, to her husband on the third day.

In some parts of Canton it is stated that even a year is permitted to elapse before the ancient ladies of the girl's family will permit her to return; but this custom, if it exists at all, is purely local.

The subject of marriages in Canton Province is full of interest. Strange mutual support societies are frequently formed by the maidens, who sometimes bind the bride tightly with bandages in order to prevent

the consummation of the marriage. The girl conceals a knife or poison about her, and threatens to kill herself if her betrothed should attempt violence.

Again: "It is the practice, in the tent of the departed one, each day for a whole year, without exception, at the same hour that he drew his last breath, for female mourners to chant the customary dirges, in which the members of the family present are expected to join." . . . "The friends of the deceased are also expected to pay a visit of lamentation." . . . "The visitor seats himself before the tent, and by a shrill yell of fifteen minutes' duration, gives notice that he has performed his last duty towards the defunct."

**INQUESTS.**

An inquest was held at the Government Civil Hospital before the Coroner (C. V. Creagh, Esq.) on the bodies of two Chinese men named respectively Wong Asik, and Chan Achik. The first committed suicide by cutting his throat, and the second by hanging himself. The following gentlemen comprised the Jury:—Messrs F. R. Steel, M. Peginin, and T. I. Bowler. In the case of Chan Achik the enquiry was adjourned until Tuesday next, the 6th instant, no evidence but the doctor's being taken.

The case of Wong Asik was simply this.

The deceased resided near No. 7 Station

West Point, and was discovered with his throat cut, a chopper being found lying

near his head covered with blood. It

appears that the friends of deceased had

obtained a burial certificate from the Register General's Office, by merely asserting

that deceased had died of fever; and had

it not been that the coolies refused to re-

move the body when they found the throat

was cut, the police would have known nothing

about the matter. As it is, they have no

suspicion of foul play, and the only reason

that the deceased's relatives appear to have

had in saying he died of fever, was either

to avoid trouble, or that they had a holy

horror of a Coroner's enquiry. The enquiry

in this case also was adjourned until

Tuesday next, the 6th instant, at 2 p.m.

of the day.

**Marine Court.**

(Before J. P. McEuen, Esq., Acting Harbour Master.)

1st August, 1878.

William Harrison, William Turney, John Francis, Joseph McGrath, and E. Bradford, seamen of British barque *Fair Leader*, were charged with refusal of duty.

Mr Henry Wm. Norris, the master, said

that he had closed his accounts on Monday

last, and had intended proceeding to sea

yesterday. The Chief Officer told him that

the defendants refused duty and had said

they would not proceed to sea in the vessel.

He right wrist resting on a small and ap-

parently most inefficient support. At the

same exhibition men poked swords down

their throats and others cracked any num-

ber of knivs (supposed to be sharp), in

various gyrations through the air, catching

them by the handles.

Mesmerism and biology came on the

stage long after, and the wonders of elec-

tricity were then hidden to us as now deve-

loped. A mystery existed there, and I have

not heard of any philosopher having un-

ravelled it.

Perhaps a "Young Thespian" can.

HOW TO TEACH YOUR GRANNY TO Suck EGGS.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL"

Hongkong, August 1st.

SIR.—Isn't it amusing to find young

children visiting the first hearing of Joe Miller's "Jokes?" Also some of their criticisms?

More than forty years ago, when the *Penny Magazine* and the *Saturday Magazine* were

the only and scantly illustrated papers in

existence, there was in them an illustration

of a female, dressed in Indian costume and

sitting apparently without support in air;

her right wrist resting on a small and ap-

parently most inefficient support. At the

same exhibition men poked swords down

their throats and others cracked any num-

ber of knivs (supposed to be sharp), in

various gyrations through the air, catching

them by the handles.

I am sure the Hongkong publics are deep-

ly grateful to Young Thespian for his in-

formation about its being a trick; it will

I am sure fill them with admiration of

its cuteness and originality. Won't the

"Old 'un" be proud of you?

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NOTICE.  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES,  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLES;  
Also,  
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND  
PORT LOUIS.

**O**N SATURDAY, the 3rd August, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *ANDYR*, Commander MOREAU, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPORCE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 2nd August, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office,

H. DU POUEY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, July 22, 1878.

Occidental & Oriental Steam  
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND  
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES AND EUROPE,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CENTRAL  
and  
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING  
RAILROAD COMPANIES  
AND  
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

**T**HE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be do-  
spatched for San Francisco via Yoko-  
hama, on TUESDAY, the 6th August, at  
2 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for  
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama with  
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m. of the 3rd August. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-  
SAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, July 17, 1878.

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STEAM FOR  
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,  
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,  
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean  
Ports, Southampton, and  
London direct,  
Also,  
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**T**HE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
*SURAT*, Captain G. C. BURNE, will  
leave this on SATURDAY, the 10th  
August, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to

A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, July 29, 1878.

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Intimations.

NOTICE.

MR. H. SCHÜREN'S PHOTOGRAPHIC  
STUDIO.

IS NOW OPEN.

HOURS FOR SITTING: EVERY DAY FROM  
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**M**RS. H. SCHÜREN respectfully requests  
all Persons desirous to have their  
Portraits, to notice well the earlier hours  
for sitting, as the only means to obtain,  
during the present Season, those fine half  
tints and details so much admired, espe-  
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to every satisfaction.

The Atelier cannot be open for more  
than Two Months.

NOVELTY.

MR. H. SCHÜREN'S NEW SALOON  
PICTURES.

THE FINEST PRESENTS TO BE CHOSEN.

No Really Elegant Drawing Room should  
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**M**RS. H. SCHÜREN has much pleasure in  
introducing in this Colony, the new  
Style of Photo, which undoubtedly will  
find admirers amongst the intelligent.

The new Saloon Picture is unrivaled for  
its effect in artistic lighting, and its  
beautiful details, especially for Lady's  
Evening Dresses and every kind of Ex-  
quisite and Plain White Dress.

Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

### Intimations.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE  
SOCIETY OF THE  
UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.  
J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.  
SAMUEL BORROW, Secretary.  
A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for  
China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,  
120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets \$31,700,000  
Surplus \$5,500,000

**T**HE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents in Hongkong, China, for the  
above Company, are prepared to grant In-  
surance at current rates.

MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company,  
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

### Insurances.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

**T**HE Undersigned, Agents for the above  
Company, are prepared to grant In-  
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MELCHERS & CO.,

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Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

### (FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

**T**HE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Polices against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or  
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives, up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER  
of  
His Majesty King George The First,  
A. D. 1720.

**T**HE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

*Marine Department.*  
Polices at current rates payable either  
here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

*Fire Department.*  
Polices issued for long or short periods at  
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

*Life Department.*  
Polices issued for sum not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

### NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
IN LIQUIDATION.

A FIFTH RETURN of CAPITAL at  
the Rate of TWO AND ONE-HALF  
TAELS per SHARE will be made to  
Shareholders of Record on 6th July, Pay-  
able at the Office of the Liquidators, on  
MONDAY, the 16th July.

Warrants will then be delivered by the  
Undersigned to Shareholders, or their  
lawful representatives, on presentation of  
Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 15th  
July, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & CO.,  
Liquidators.

Shanghai, July 4, 1878.

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### Insurances.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore,  
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Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance  
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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
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CAPITAL £2,000,000.

**T**HE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared to  
grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of  
£10,000 on any Building, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at the  
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20  
per cent.

GILMAN & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

**T**HE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against FIRE to the extent of  
£10,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored  
therein, at current local rates, subject to a  
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

RUSSELL & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-  
ANCE COMPANY.

**T**HE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agent in Hongkong for the above  
named Company, is prepared to Grant  
Policies against FIRE on Buildings and  
on Goods to the extent of £10,000, at the  
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-  
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable  
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in  
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OLYPHANT & CO.,  
General Agents.

J. V. VERNON SHAW,  
General Agent.

Hongkong, June 1, 1878.

### Insurances.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

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MELCHERS & CO.,

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Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

AFONG,  
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by appointment, to  
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,  
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and to  
H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS  
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**T**HE above has pleasure to inform the  
public of Hongkong that he has ob-  
tained the assistance of Mr. Griffith (for  
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STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD,  
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Hongkong, July 9, 1878.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

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COMPANY OF MANCHESTER  
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HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

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